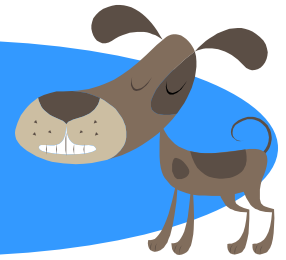


Gimme Shelter

News from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter

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Got a Dirty Dog?

Animal Care & Control is joining the Northern Virginia Community College's Veterinary Technology Club and the Loudoun County Veterinary Medical Association on **Saturday, May 1, from 11:00am - 4:00pm** for a day of fun and care for dogs at the NVCC Loudoun Campus!

The Vet Tech Club will be hosting a **dog wash** - costs will be \$20 for large dogs, \$15 for medium dogs, \$10 for small dogs, and \$5 for nail trims or ear cleaning. Proceeds will benefit the Vet Tech Club's community outreach program.

Animal Care & Control will be offering **FREE pet microchipping** services for Loudoun County residents (200 microchips maximum). Microchipping is a safe, permanent way of identifying lost pets found by Animal Control or a veterinary office. The microchip itself is about the size of a grain of rice. It is implanted under the skin in the area around the shoulders through a needle. The procedure is no more invasive than a vaccination shot, and requires no anesthesia or recovery time. Once it is implanted, the number on the chip can be read by a scanner (similar to a bar code scanner). The number can then be traced back to the owner so that they can be reunited with their pet.

In addition, the Loudoun County Veterinary Medical Association will be offering **reduced rate rabies vaccinations** for \$10 (dogs only).

The NVCC Loudoun Campus is located at **1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway (Route 7) in Sterling**. The event will be held in the Vet Tech building. For details, visit www.loudoun.gov/animals. Hope to see you there!



Foster Families Needed

Are you looking to make a difference in the lives of animals? Then we need you! The Animal Shelter is looking for individuals and families to serve as foster care providers for special cats and kittens.

Spring is the beginning of "kitten season" - the time of year when cats give birth and animal shelters are overwhelmed with homeless litters. The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is no exception, and is already beginning to see an increase in very young and orphaned kittens.

Foster homes are most often needed for kittens too young to be adopted or mother cats with their babies. These animals require a level of care and socialization that is difficult to achieve in a shelter

environment that is not staffed 24 hours-a-day. Foster care provides one of the few opportunities these animals have to survive.

Adult cats are also in need of the kind of the special, one-on-one care a foster home provides, especially during this time when the Animal Shelter is experiencing a rise in its cat and kitten population. Many older or more sensitive cats are able to thrive in foster homes with families that love them, which helps ease their transition into permanent adoptive homes.

Depending on their individual situation, animals may be in their foster homes for several days to several weeks. Foster families are provided with training and

5K on the Fairways



Animal Care & Control would like to give a big THANK YOU to the Social Committee at Lansdowne for hosting the first **5K on the Fairways** event on April 25. The 5K fun walk was a great success, raising nearly **\$7,000** and a van full of donations for the Animal Shelter! And some of our dogs available for adoption got a great workout walking the 5K. A fun time was had by all. Thanks Lansdowne!



support from Animal Shelter staff to ensure that they are prepared to care for the animals in their home and any special needs they may have.

An informational orientation to the foster care program will be held on **Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30pm at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter**. Visit www.loudoun.gov/animals or email animals@loudoun.gov for more information!

Paws 4 Your Heart 5K

Lace up your walking shoes, grab your leash, and bring your best pooch to the third annual **Paws for your Heart Dog Walk** on **Sunday, June 13, 2010**, at Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg. Proceeds from the 5K walk benefit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter and Douglass Community Center Advisory Board for children's programs.

Advanced registration forms are now available online at

www.paws4yourheart.org.

On-site registration begins at 8:00am on June 13, and exhibits open at 9:00am. The walk begins at 10:00am

for runners and 10:15am for leisure walkers. Activities and exhibits continue until 2:00pm.

The Dog Walk is a great way to get out in the fresh air and enjoy some exercise with your dog or kids, while helping two good causes. In addition to the walk, you can enjoy fun activities for kids and pets alike, including music, a moon bounce, face painting, exhibits, and food. If you're looking for a pet, there will be dogs available for adoption from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter just waiting to meet you!



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All additional activities are free and open to the public; however you must be registered to participate in the 5K. We hope to see you there!

April Employee of the Month

Chris Brosan is April's Employee of the Month! Officer Brosan is being recognized for his excellent and unselfish work as an Animal Control Officer. His effort and dedication in working with citizens and caring for animals is outstanding. His co-workers have recognized his outstanding work while picking up supplies and/or needed items; handling a very difficult cruelty case that resulted in the surrender of a dog and arrest of the owner; and for

saving a black snake from a sticky trap. Also, his assistance with a very difficult customer issue was key in resolving a very sensitive matter recently involving a cat. His efforts and attitude have a direct impact on the entire operation and demonstrates a dedication and commitment to his work enforcing laws and ensuring the safe, humane and lawful treatment of animals.

Thank you Chris for all you do!



Congratulations Chris!

What We're Up To

Cute Pets at Simpson Middle School

Thank you to the students of J. L. Simpson Middle School, who sponsored a "cutest pet contest" in February and raised **\$405** for the Animal Shelter! We appreciate the students thinking of the animals and including us in their project!

Mobile Adoptions Keep Rolling

Don't forget the mobile adoption vehicle stops **every Thursday** from **3:00-7:00pm** at the **Petco** in the Dulles 28 Centre (at the intersection of Rt 28 and Waxpool Road). If you're looking for a pet, and can't make it out to Waterford, this is a great opportunity to visit! Be sure to stop by and see us!

